



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 944

DATE: October 18, 2010

TO: Iowa Medicaid Area Education Agency, Local Education Agency,
Remedial Services and Habilitation Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Properly Declaring Units of Service for a Given Date

EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2010

Part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires that states must enforce certain national editing standards **for all Medicaid claims filed on or after December 1, 2010**. The standards are referred to as the "National Correct Coding Initiative" (NCCI). **As a result, the IME requires providers to identify the exact date on which a service was provided, including how many units of service were given on an individual day.**

To meet this requirement, the IME strongly recommends that the provider categories listed above do not bill date spans on the CMS-1500 claim form (or electronic equivalent). By avoiding date spans (therefore billing with an individual line for each date a service is provided), units are always specifically declared for the individual day listed.

For providers who bill on the paper CMS-1500

- The "to" and "from" date listed in box 24A should be the same and
- The units listed in Box 24 G will reflect only what was provided on that day.

If providers need to submit multiple page claims (for claims with more than 6 lines)

- Complete only boxes 28, 29, and 30 on the last page and
- Staple all the forms together.

For providers billing electronically and needing assistance with multiple line claims, please contact your software vendor and refer them to this letter.

Providers may also refer to Informational Letter 940 for more information on how units for date spans are interpreted on claims. More information regarding Iowa Medicaid's implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative can be found at:

<http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally (in Des Moines) at 256-4609, or e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.